

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-13 and 17-20 remain pending in the present application after this amendment. Claims 5, 11, 13 and 17 are amended herein. Claims 1, 4, and 14-16 are canceled by this amendment.

The allowance of claims 2 and 3 is noted with appreciation.

The examiner has indicated that claims 5-10, 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 has been so rewritten to include the limitations of claims 1 and 4. Claims 1 and 4, in turn, have been canceled. Due to the cancellation of claim 1, claim 11 has been amended to depend from independent claim 5. Independent claim 13 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 16 and to include the limitations of intervening claims 14 and 15. Claims 14-16, in turn, have been canceled. Due to the cancellation of claim 16, claim 17 has been amended to depend from independent claim 13. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 5-13 and 17-20 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Office Action Summary sheet indicates that drawings filed on June 2, 2005 are objected to. However, on page 4 of the September 19, 2006 Office Action, the examiner states "Applicant's arguments, see page 7 and 8 of the amendment, filed 8/14/06, with respect to the objections to the drawings and disclosure and 112 rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive." Accordingly, it appears that the drawings, including the amended drawing sheet filed with the Amendment mailed March 8, 2006, are acceptable and that box 10)b) was inadvertently checked on the Office Action Summary sheet instead of box 10)a).

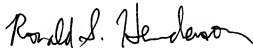
If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this patent application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and

that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 38566-77784.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald S. Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" and last name "Henderson" clearly distinguishable.

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